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SUBJECT: CUSTOMS AND TAX LIABILITIES FOR FOREIGN SERVICE
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1. WITH REGARD TO CUSTOMS AND DUTY-FREE PRIVILEGES, GOZ DOES NOT DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN EMPLOYEES OF ALL AGENCIES WHO ARE ON DIPLOMATIC LIST AND THOSE WHO ARE NOT, INCLUDING SECRETARIES, EXCEPT THAT THERE IS LIMITATION OF 6-MONTH FOR DUTY FREE ENTRY FOR NON-DIPLOMATS. THIS HAS POSED NO PROBLEMS HOWEVER, SINCE COMMISSARY SELLS FOOD, LIQUOR AND CIGARETTES, ALL OF WHICH ARE IMPORTED DUTY-FREE IN AMBASSADOR'S NAME. EMBASSY HAS APO AVAILABLE TO ALL EMPLOYEES FOR PACKAGE MAIL.

2. SINGLE EMPLOYEES MAY IMPORT ONE CAR DUTY-FREE AND MARRIED EMPLOYEES MAY IMPORT A SECOND CAR DUTY-FREE, WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE ON DIPLOMATIC LIST. HOWEVER, ONLY PERSONS ON DIPLOMATIC LIST MAY SELL FREE OF CUSTOMS DUTIES A VEHICLE WHICH HAS BEEN IN COUNTRY FOR 2 YEARS. SINCE BUYERS OF SECOND-HAND VEHICLES ARE READILY AVAILABLE, WHETHER OR NOT THEY MUST PAY CUSTOMS DUTY, THIS HAS NOT BEEN A HARDSHIP ON EMPLOYEES WHO ARE NOT ON DIPLOMATIC LIST.

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3. ONLY THOSE ON DIPLOMATIC LIST RECEIVE DIPLOMATIC ID CARDS AND CD PLATES. HOWEVER, ALL OTHER EMPLOYEES ALSO RECEIVE SPECIAL ID'S AND PLATES AND, TO DATE, HAVE NOT BEEN AT A DISADVANTAGE VIS-A-VIS THOSE ON THE DIPLOMATIC LIST.

4. EMBASSY REQUESTS EQUAL TREATMENT FROM GOZ FOR ALL EMPLOYEES AND HAS NOT HAD TO MAKE SPECIAL PLEAS ON BEHALF OF STAFF

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